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RE: Docket No. A2012-39

Response to Postal Service Comments (dated December 21, 2011)

This letter is in response to the Postal Service Comments, posted to the PRC website, regarding my appeal of the decision to close the Kettlersville, Ohio, Post Office.

The Postal Service, on page 5 of the response, cites a postmaster vacancy, minimal workload and low office revenue. As I had stated in my earlier appeal, the reason the postmaster position is vacant is because the Postal Service chose not to fill it after the retirement of the previous postmaster in 2009. That vacancy COULD have been filled; the Postal Service chose not to. It also states this closing will have minimal impact on the community. That may be true to someone who is located hundreds or even thousands of miles away, but that is not the case here. The Post Office IS a vital part of this community, and I believe its closing would have a negative effect.

The Postal Service is proposed to deliver mail via rural carrier. I have enclosed a map of the village, downloaded from Yahoo Maps, which shows that it would not be a straight drive through town to deliver mail. There are several side streets to which mail would need to be delivered. As I have stated previously, since the village has sidewalks in front of residences, mailboxes at the curb cannot be installed, making a drive-up delivery impossible.

On page 7, the Postal Service disputes this. It notes that roads only need to be maintained at all times, cannot be a dead end and there must be a suitable turning point for the carrier, preferably without backing. Easy Avenue does not fit this criteria. The road ends in a private driveway which goes to a farm. I believe this invalidates the Postal Service's argument. In addition, it further states that there is nothing in the record to indicate that Kettlersville is unsuitable for mailbox delivery, or that CBUs would have to be installed. Once again, I must stress that sidewalks in front of residences prevent placing of mailboxes at the curb for a rural delivery driver, so in order for mail to be delivered, some other form of box would have to be installed.

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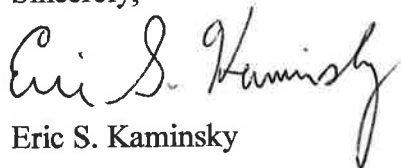
Also on page 7, the Postal Service disputes my concerns about security, noting there have been no reports of theft or vandalism. With the mail all delivered to a safe, secure Post Office, there would not be. This is exactly my point. The mail is secure now, but the Postal Service cannot guarantee that in the future. Mail is secured from the time it is delivered by contract carrier to the time a resident retrieves it from their post office box.

The Postal Service also cites economics as a factor in their decision. On page 12 of their comments, they cite declining revenues and minimal workload. Yet on page 3, they show figures for revenue as follows: 2008: \$32,026; 2009: \$28,215; and 2010: \$32,205. That looks like an INCREASE, not a decrease. Before a final determination is made, the Commission should request FY 2011 figures to add to these. If one averages the three years cited, the figure is \$30,815, or revenues are relatively stable, not declining, as the Postal Service asserts.. They also note there are no permit or meter customers. Has any attempt been made to solicit this business? I believe there are opportunities the Postal Service is missing.

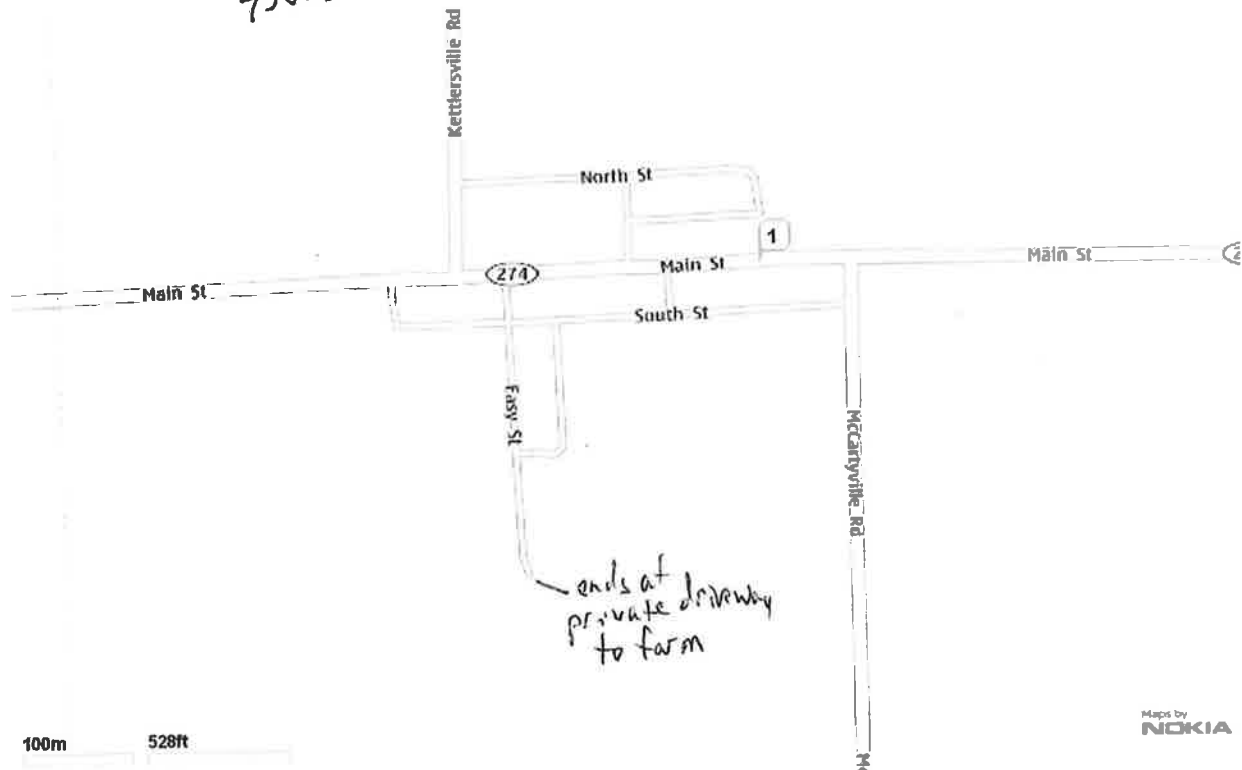
In conclusion, I do not believe that the Postal Service has proven that closing this facility is in the best interests of the community, will save money, or provide better and more timely service via rural carrier from Anna.

I request the Commission REJECT this request to close the Kettlersville Post Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eric S. Kaminsky". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Eric S. Kaminsky

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When using any driving directions or map, it's a good idea to double check and make sure the road still exists, watch out for construction, and follow all traffic safety precautions. This is only to be used as an aid in planning